

Town Hall: HWY 281 Updates



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- No shouting, display of unruly behavior, use of profanity, or threats of violence
- No personal attacks on staff, members of the public, or City Council
- If a person violates the rules, the person may be asked to leave the Town Hall



Overview

- TxDOT plans to move vehicles via HWY 281 as an alternate route for motorists traveling from San Antonio to Georgetown.
- The City is looking at solutions that will help and hopefully divert some of this traffic off of Blanco City Limits.
- Future goals:
 - Gateway signs - North and South
 - Protecting the Historic District
 - Keeping the small town charm



HWY 281 Now

- Existing right-of-way width of generally 120 feet.
- Two lane (one each direction)
- “Hill Country” Terrain



Timeline

- February 2020
 - TxDOT began a corridor feasibility study
- February 2022
 - City of Blanco and Blanco County reached out to TxDOT for a relief feasibility study
- May 2022
 - US-281 Stakeholder Presentation
- July 2022
 - City of Blanco Town Hall regarding 281 updates
- August 2022
 - TxDOT Open House/Kick Off



Blanco County US 281 Expansion

- Limits:
 - North: US 290 to City of Blanco
 - South: City of Blanco to Comal County line
- No proposed work through Blanco
- Approximately 18.9 miles
- Includes US 281/US 290 intersection
- Funded project for FY 2027 construction

Blanco Relief Route

- February 2022 - City of Blanco and Blanco County expressed interest in a relief route feasibility study

Public Involvement/Input Opportunities

- Open House for Blanco County US 281 Expansion planned for Fall 2022



US 281 & US 290 Projects in Development





Statewide Connectivity

- National Highway System
- Texas Freight Network
- Texas Trunk System
- Only existing 2-lane segment of US 281 between San Antonio and Lampasas (18 miles out of 82 miles)



Safety

- Reduce crash rate

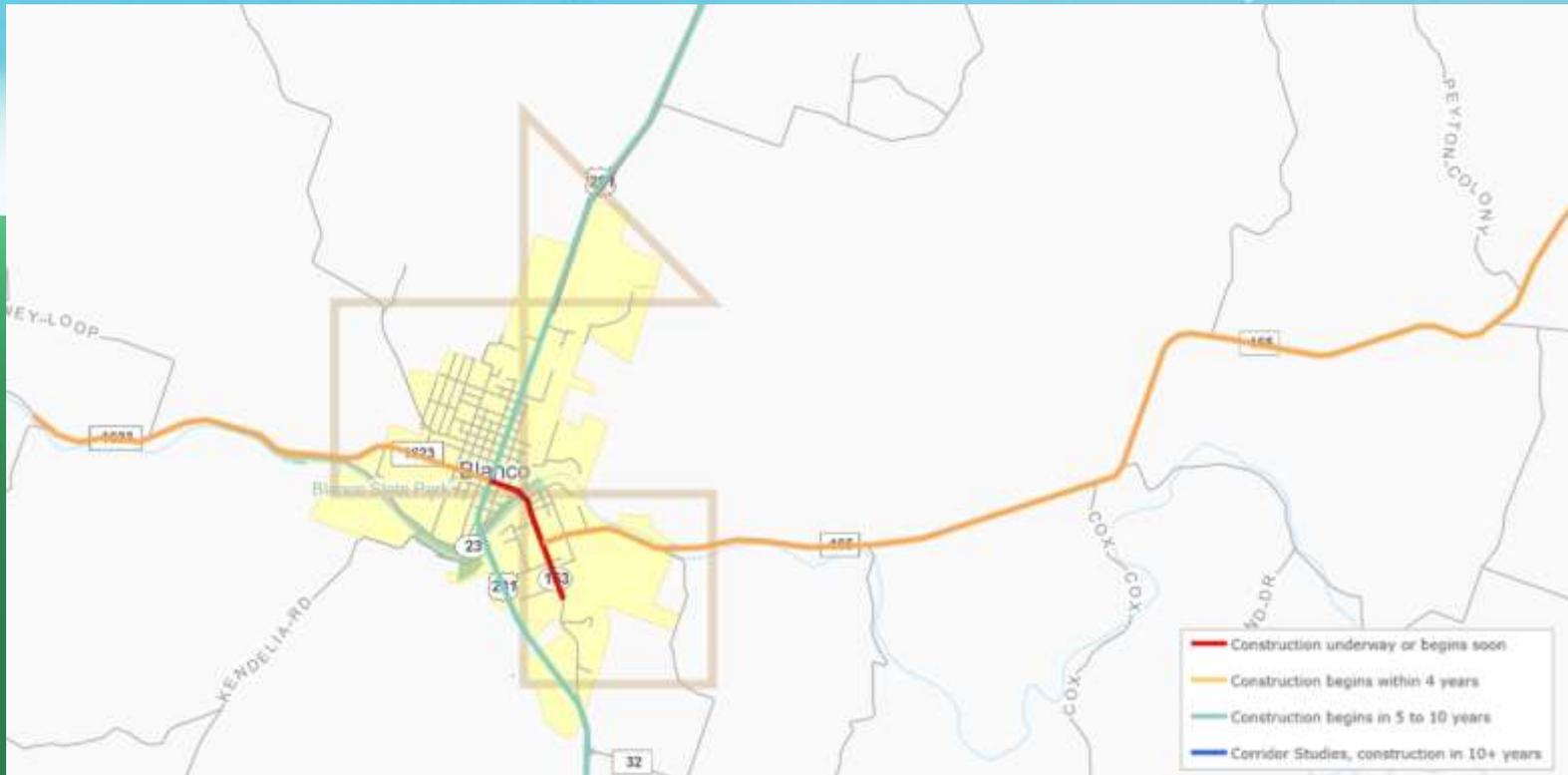


Operations

- Growth in Bexar and Comal counties leading to the need for expansion
- Corridor experiences higher than average truck traffic



TxDOT Project Tracker



US-281 Overlay Review Committee

- Atlas Design and K Friese & Associates
- US-281 Overlay Review Committee members: Connie Barron, Emily Becker, Marissa Mensik, Laura Swinson, and Donna Ledvina
- Develop a HWY 281 Overlay District plan and code
- A survey was conducted to find out what citizens desired with 366 participants



WHEN I'M DRIVING NORTHBOUND ON 281

AND I START APPROACHING YETT MEMORIAL PARK, I'M MOST INCLINED TO THINK...



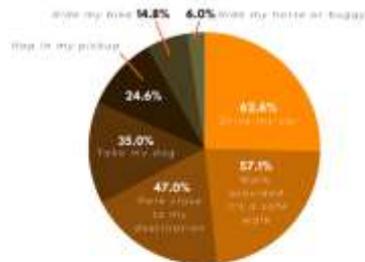
WHEN I'M DRIVING SOUTHBOUND ON 281

AND I START APPROACHING THE BUGGY BARN SIGN, I'M MOST INCLINED TO THINK...



WHEN I TRAVEL SOMEWHERE IN BLANCO

I WOULD PREFER TO...



ALONG 281, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE



ALONG 281, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FEWER



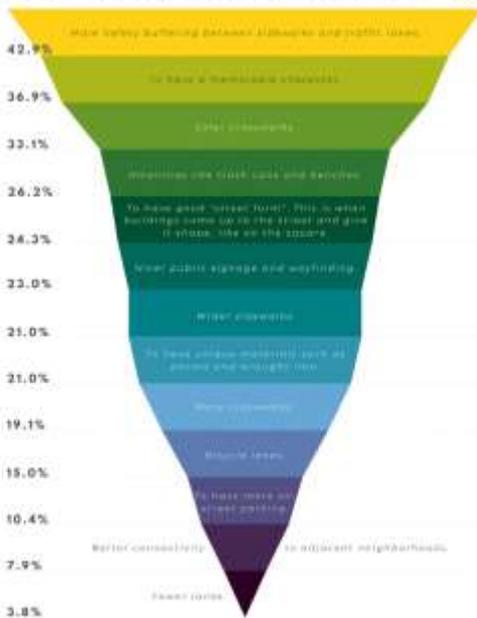
WHEN IT COMES TO REGULATING

BUSINESS SIGNS ON 281, MY THINKING IS...



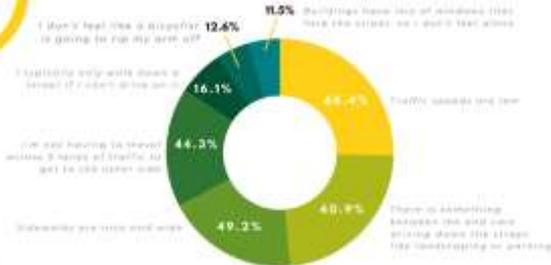
STRICTLY SPEAKING OF THE STREET ITSELF

(ROAD LANES, SIDEWALK, CURBS, CROSSWALKS, STREET CORNERS), I WOULD LIKE FOR 281 TO HAVE...

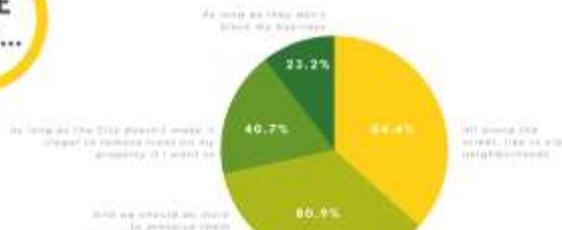


WHEN I WALK DOWN A STREET

I FEEL SAFER WHEN...

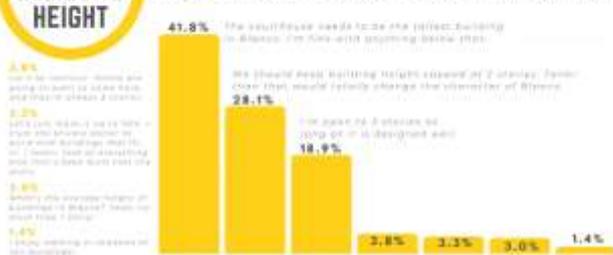


I LOVE TREES...



WHEN IT COMES TO HEIGHT

OF BUILDING ALONG 281, I'M MOST LIKELY TO...

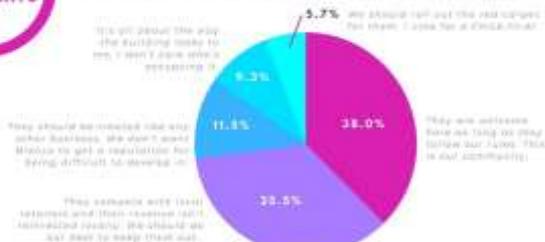


I THINK PARKING...



MY SENTIMENTS

TOWARDS NATIONAL BRAND RETAILERS ARE THAT...



I DON'T WANT BLANCO TO

TURN INTO ANOTHER...

DRIPPING SPRINGS
San Marcos *Fredericksburg*
MARBLE FALLS **BULVERDE**
WINDERLEY **BOERNE**

MY OVERALL FEELINGS

ABOUT 281 ARE THAT...

22.1%

We need to have 44 representatives coming from all around the community to help make better decisions regarding the way things are done in this city. We need some input from people who live here.

34.2%

We need to have a committee that will be made up of all the city council members and all the city staff to make sure that we are doing the right thing.

43.4%

The problem with 281 is a big problem. We need to have a committee that will be made up of all the city council members and all the city staff to make sure that we are doing the right thing.

THANK YOU!

US-281 OVERLAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Your feedback is valuable!



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